

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

I'm working on my faults and cracks, filling in the blanks and gaps. And when I write them out, they don't make sense. I need you to pencil in the rest. - Frightened Rabbit, *My Backwards Walk*

...the night can be a dreadful time for lonely people once their loneliness has started.

- Ernest Hemingway, *A Farewell to Arms*

Our loneliness may be the opportunity to learn that our suffering is both less meaningful than the ambitious would have us believe, and so much more meaningful than the culture of modern romance would have us suffer. - Paul Maxwell, *When Your Twenties are Darker than you Expected*

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

Call to Worship

Rev. Sean Sawyers

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

Congregation: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Congregation: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. — Isaiah 55:6, 7

Invocation

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith;
Music: Welsh hymn melody

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as
 3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther - of

5 wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our
 light, nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in
 small; in all life thou liv - est, the true life of
 light, thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their

9 eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of
 might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a -
 all; we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the
 sight; all praise we would ren - der, O help us to

13 Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 bove, thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 tree, and wi - ther and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Words: Elizabeth Clephane;
Music: Christopher Miner

(Capo III) B \flat (G) F(D) E \flat (C) F(D)



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my
2. O safe and hap - py shel - ter, O ref - uge tried and
3. Up - on the cross of Je - sus, mine eye at times can
4. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing

5 B \flat (G) F(D) Gm(Em) Dm(Bm)



stand. The shad - ow of a might - y rock with -
sweet, O tryst - ing place where hea - ven's love and
see the ver - y dy - ing form of one who
place; I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the

8 E \flat (C) B \flat (G) F(D) Gm(Em)



in a wear - y land, a home with - in the
hea - ven's just - ice meet! As to the ho - ly
suf - fered there for me; and from my strick - en
sun - shine of his face; con - tent to let the

11 Dm(Bm) E \flat (C) B \flat (G) F(D)



wil - derness, a rest up - on the way, from the
pa - tri - arch that won - drous dream was giv'n, so
heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess, the
world go by to know no gain nor loss, my

14 B \flat (G) F(D) E \flat (C) F(D) B \flat (G)



burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
seems my Sa - vior's cross to me, a lad - der up to heav'n.
won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - worth - i - ness.
sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry, all the cross.

Call to Confession

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

Call to Confession

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. – *1 John 1:5-10*

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. – From the *Book of Common Prayer*

Declaration of Absolution

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to God. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

How Firm a Foundation

Words: John Rippon;
Music: Traditional American melody

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis -
3. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall
4. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re -

5 Lord, is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
mayed; for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll
lie, my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the
pose I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes; that

10 more can he say than to you he has said, to
strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy
soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll

14 you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

Offertory

Trinity Song
Kathryn Denman, Amanda Holley, Amy Pardo, Cara Pardo

S. McCracken

Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all

7
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly

13
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Receiving of New Members

*Lydia Carlson, Mary Cote, Kristi and Alex Giannini, Miriam Rathbun,
Anne Marie Rowe, Susanne Van Veluw, Yuxi Wang*

Baptism

Yuxi Wang

Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Pastoral Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Words: Thomas Kelly;
Music: 17 century German tune,
arr. Phillip Palmertree

1. Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there
3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly, nor sup -
4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the

dy - ing on the tree. 'Tis the Christ by man re -
ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his causedis -
pose the e - vil great here may view its na - ture
re - fuge of the lost. Christ's the Rock of our sal -

ject - ed, yes my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the
own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress. Ma - ny
right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the
va - tion, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of

long - ex - pect - ed proph-et, Da - vid's son and Da - vid's
hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to
sac - ri - fice ap - point-ed, see who bears the aw - ful
God, for sin - ners wound ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel

Lord, by his Son God now hath spo - ken, 'tis the
save. But the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the
load. 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of
guilt! None shall ev - er be con - found - ed, who on

true and faith - ful Word.
stroke that jus - tice gave.
Man and Son of God.
him their hope have built!

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 5:20; 24:17-25:4, pages 150 and 166 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

Congregation: But the word of our God will stand forever.

Catherine Cook

Scripture Reading

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10.17

Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit.

We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available in the foyer.

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free bread on the right for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

Sermon

Rev. Jeremy Mullen

Lord's Supper

Invitation

All: There is but one God only, the living and true God, who is a Spirit infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. God, having out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity elected some to everlasting life, entered into a covenant of grace to deliver us out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring us into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. – from *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 4, 5, 6, 20, 21*

Words of Institution

Minister: This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits.

All: By the use of this holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors. — from *Belgic Confession, Art. 35*

Distributing of Elements

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Albert Cheng, Catherine Cook, Elizabeth Cantrell, Tyler Holley, Brooke Huskey, Hannah Nation, Kathryn Mogk, Kristin Warren

Jesus Shall Reign

Words: Isaac Watts, based on Psalm 72;

Music: John Hatton

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es throng to crown his head;
dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
the pris -'ner leaps to lose his chains,
ho - nor and prais - es to our King;

his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
his name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
an - gels des - cend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
and all the sons of want are blest.
and earth re - peats the loud a - men!

Benediction

Benediction

We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

WELCOME

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church with an English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings (ctkcambridge.org) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Newton, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Somerville (ctkboston.org).

Welcome visitors! Please visit the welcome table in the foyer and fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who will be standing in the back of the sanctuary. For more information about Christ the King, contact office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade 5 are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Grace Changes Everything: The History, Theology, and Continuing Impact of the Reformation. Join us this fall as we explore the historical background and theological touchstones of the Reformation - and why it still matters 500 years on. We'll enjoy two guest lectures by Gordon-Conwell professors Gordon Isaac (on Luther) and Rick Lints (on justification by faith alone)! The class will run October 22 - December 17.

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and non-walkers are upstairs and our 1's, 2's and 3's rooms are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in on the clipboard outside the room and take a visual pager number card.

Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Kids begin in room 3 / 4 and are picked up from adjoining rooms.

Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

For more information about children's ministry, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

BULLETINS

Bulletins are available on the church website (<http://www.ctkcambridge.org/sermons/>) each Thursday before the service, allowing for download for use during the service on a smartphone or tablet.

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

CTK READER

Visit ctkcambridge.org/reader/ to sign up for our weekly CTK Reader (electronic newsletter) with notes from our pastors, church announcements and community classifieds.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, as we seek to live as followers of Jesus in relationship to one another. We encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods together. All are invited to join a group. To find a group near you, visit www.ctkcambridge.org or email office@ctkcambridge.org.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Men's and women's fellowship groups meet throughout the city to provide opportunities for fellowship, discipling, and growing in faith. For a listing of groups, visit www.ctkcambridge.org. If you would like a group started near you, email nathan@ctkcambridge.org (men) or Emily DeBaun Stuntz at emilydebaun@gmail.com (women).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

To connect with women in the church and learn about women's events throughout the year, contact hannah@ctkcambridge.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. The group does not meet the first Thursday of each month. Contact Becky Williams (john.n.becky@gmail.com).

VOCATIONAL GROUPS

Vocational groups offer times of fellowship and discussion for those in the CTK congregations throughout the city who work in similar fields. Contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays, 6:30am-8:30am for prayer in the social hall. Coffee and snacks are provided. Please contact office@ctkcambridge.org with questions.

Missions & Church Planting Prayer: Periodically there is a time of prayer for the missionaries CTK Cambridge supports and for church planting in Boston. Contact laura.a.martin87@gmail.com.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

CTK supports Reformed University Fellowship on nearby campuses. Contact our campus ministers at BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: jeremy.mullen@ruf.org, and MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

SERVING ON SUNDAYS

Members and regular attenders have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways on Sunday mornings. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for CTK Officers are now being received. If you are a member of CTK and want to nominate someone for elder, deacon, or deacon assistant, please follow these steps:

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 for biblical qualifications.
2. Approach your nominee and ask that you pray together for wisdom.
3. With the approval of the nominee, please submit the nomination via office@ctkcambridge.org.

Making Room at Thanksgiving: In an effort to ensure that no one at CTK is without a place to go this Thanksgiving, we are looking for people who have room at their tables. Also, if you are someone who is currently without a place to share the meal, we would be happy to connect you with someone who would love for you to join them. For more information, please email office@ctkcambridge.org.

The church has received the sad news that Teagin Costanzo, daughter of CTK-supported ministers Cory and Marna Costanzo, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Teagin and her family face an arduous course of treatment in the next months. Please pray for the Costanzo family. The family has set up a gofundme site (gofundme.com/teagin) for any who would like to contribute financially to the costs of Teagin's medical care.

Are you a CTK member interested in serving the congregation as a communion server on Sunday mornings? For more information and to join the team, please email office@ctkcambridge.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Celebrate the Advent season with singing at **CTK's Fifth Annual Christmas Concert!** Come join CTK's talented musicians for an evening of festive performances and rousing caroling on Saturday, December 9, at 6:30pm. Please invite neighbors, co-workers, and other friends! Contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: The **annual Women's Christmas Brunch** will take place on Saturday, December 16th at 10am. We are seeking women to help with the event. If you would like to help with set-up, clean-up, crafts, singing, centerpieces, decorating, etc, please contact Meredith Wyse at meredithkwyse@gmail.com.

We use an **online giving platform** called Church Center Online. It's straightforward to use, is secure, and has more features in development which promise to improve the online giving experience. Try Church Center Online by visiting <https://ctkboston.church-centeronline.com/giving>. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

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